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- 3.1 General
- 3.2 Evolution and Creation

4 Philosophy of Medicine and Health
- 4.1 Philosophy of the Health Professions
  - 4.1.1 General
  - 4.1.2 Philosophy of Medicine
  - 4.1.3 Philosophy of Nursing
- 4.2 Concept of Health
- 4.3 Concept of Mental Health
- 4.4 Quality/Value of Life

5 Science/Technology and Society
- 5.1 General
- 5.2 Technology Assessment
- 5.3 Social Control of Science/Technology

6 Codes of Professional Ethics

7 Sociology of Medicine
- 7.1 General
- 7.2 Medical Education
- 7.3 Professional-Professional Relationship

8 Professional-Patient Relationship
- 8.1 General
- 8.2 Truth-Telling
- 8.3 Informed Consent
  - 8.3.1 General
  - 8.3.2 Minors and Consent to Treatment
  - 8.3.3 Third Party Consent/Incompetents
  - 8.3.4 Right to Refuse Treatment
  - 8.3.5 Bills, Laws and Cases
- 8.4 Confidentiality
- 8.5 Malpractice

9 Health Care
- 9.1 General
- 9.2 Right to Health Care
- 9.3 Cost of Health Care
- 9.4 Allocation of Health Care Resources
- 9.5 Health Care Programmes for Specific Diseases/Groups
  - 9.5.1 General
  - 9.5.2 Aged
  - 9.5.3 Handicapped Persons
  - 9.5.4 Minority Groups
  - 9.5.5 Women
  - 9.5.6 HIV Infection and AIDS
- 9.6 Quality of Health Care/Ethics Committees
- 9.7 Pharmaceutical Industry

10 Sexuality

11 Contraception
- 11.1 General
- 11.2 Availability of Contraceptives to Minors
- 11.3 Sterilisation
- 11.4 Failure of Contraception/Wrongful Birth

12 Abortion
- 12.1 General
- 12.2 Position Statements
- 12.3 Moral and Religious Aspects
- 12.4 Legal Aspects
  - 12.4.1 General
  - 12.4.2 Interests of Woman/Fetus/Father
  - 12.4.3 Interests of Health Personnel/Institutions
  - 12.4.4 Bills, Laws and Cases
- 12.5 Social Aspects
  - 12.5.1 General
  - 12.5.2 Demographic Surveys
  - 12.5.3 Abortion Counselling

13 Population
- 13.1 General
- 13.2 Population Growth
- 13.3 Population Policy

14 Reproductive Technologies
- 14.1 General
- 14.2 Artificial Insemination and Surrogacy
- 14.3 Sex Predetermination
- 14.4 *In Vitro* Fertilisation and Embryo Transfer
- 14.5 Cloning
- 14.6 Cryobanking of Sperm, Ova, or Embryos

15 Genetics, Molecular Biology and Microbiology
- 15.1 General
- 15.2 Genetic Counselling and Prenatal Diagnosis
- 15.3 Genetic Screening
- 15.4 Gene Therapy
- 15.5 Eugenics
- 15.6 Behavioural Genetics
- 15.7 Biohazards of Genetic Research
- 15.8 Patenting Organisms
- 15.9 Sociobiology

16 Environmental Quality
- 16.1 General
- 16.2 Nuclear Power
- 16.3 Occupational Health

17 The Neurosciences and Mental Health Therapies
- 17.1 General
- 17.2 Psychotherapy
- 17.3 Operant Conditioning
- 17.4 Psychopharmacology
- 17.5 Electrical Stimulation of the Brain
- 17.6 Psychosurgery
- 17.7 Involuntary Civil Commitment
- 17.8 Right of the institutionalised to Treatment

18 Human Experimentation
- 18.1 General
- 18.2 Policy Guidelines
- 18.3 Informed Consent
- 18.4 Behavioural Research
- 18.5 Research on Special Populations
  - 18.5.1 General
  - 18.5.2 Children
  - 18.5.3 Pregnant Women
  - 18.5.4 Fetuses and Neonates
  - 18.5.5 Prisoners
  - 18.5.6 Mentally Handicapped Persons
  - 18.5.7 Elderly and Terminally Ill Persons
  - 18.5.8 Military and Government Personnel
  - 18.5.9 Foreign Nationals
- 18.6 Social Control of Human Experimentation

19 Artificial and Transplanted Organs/Tissues
- 19.1 General
- 19.2 Hearts
- 19.3 Kidneys
- 19.4 Blood
- 19.5 Donation/Procurement of Organs/Tissues
- 19.6 Allocation of Organs/Tissues

20 Death and Dying
- 20.1 General
- 20.2 Definition/Determination of Death
  - 20.2.1 General
  - 20.2.2 Bills, Laws and Cases
- 20.3 Attitudes Toward Death
  - 20.3.1 General
  - 20.3.2 Health Personnel
  - 20.3.3 Family
  - 20.3.4 Death Education
- 20.4 Care of the Dying Patient
  - 20.4.1 General
  - 20.4.2 Care of the Dying Child
- 20.5 Prolongation of Life and Euthanasia
  - 20.5.1 General
  - 20.5.2 Allowing Infants to Die
  - 20.5.3 Bills, Laws and Cases
- 20.6 Capital Punishment
- 20.7 Suicide

21 International and Political Dimensions of Biology and Medicine
- 21.1 General
- 21.2 War
- 21.3 Chemical and Biological Weapons
- 21.4 Torture
- 21.5 Forced Feeding of Prisoners
- 21.6 International Migration of Physicians

22 Animal Welfare
- 22.1 General
- 22.2 Animal Experimentation
- 22.3 Animal Production